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Sargeant takes command of 56th FW

By Maj. Derek Kaufman 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Col. Steve Sargeant took command of the 56th Fighter Wing in a ceremony on the Luke flight line Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Steven Polk, 19th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony where Sargeant became the 66th commander of the wing which traces its history to 1941. He recalled Luke's nearly 60 years of training fighter pilots and underscored the important contributions of Luke people to America's expeditionary readiness.

"Throughout our country and throughout every contingency around the world, graduates of Luke take part and make a difference," Polk said.

Polk called the 56th FS "a great wing a wing that partners in many ways.

He described examples of partnerships between base and community, activeduty and reserve components, officer and enlisted, U.S. and allied nations like Taiwan and Singapore. The culmination of these partnerships is "Team Luke" he said, which has enabled the wing to be so successful.

Polk congratulated Sargeant on the opportunity to enjoy "one of the best jobs in our Air Force, commanding its largest fighter wing.'

"Certainly you join an elite group of past commanders," Polk said. "I know you will put your heart and soul into this wing, and it will continue to thrive."

Sargeant, a brigadier general select and native of Defiance, Ohio, most recently worked at the White House, where he served as deputy executive secretary for the National Security Council.

A 1978 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Sargeant served as commandant of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and commanded the 8th Fighter

Wing "Wolfpack" at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. He is a command pilot with more than 2,700 hours flying the F-16 and A-10.

"It just doesn't get any better than this in a fighter pilot's life," Sargeant said, who added he was both humbled and proud to accept command and appreciative of the support from communities in the Valley of the Sun.

"Luke is the place where the best attributes of the single-engine, single-seat fighter pilot mentality are taught and reinforced daily to all members of the 56th Fighter Wing and Luke family," Sargeant said. "Courage, decisiveness and teamwork are found in abundance here in fighter country.'

Sargeant honored the men and women of the 56th FW for their accomplishments and sacrifices training pilots and crew chiefs for U.S. and allied forces.

Your outstanding reputation as the premier trainers of warriors for the combat Air Force's and in many cases, being the actual warriors in our expeditionary Air Force sets you apart as the best of the best," he said. "But now is the time that we must redouble our efforts to ensure that they are not only ready to meet today's challenges, but that they are motivated to continue to serve in our profession well into the future.

"You are the best, and I can assure you that I will do everything possible to ensure that you continue to have the resources you need to safely and effectively perform our vital mission at least as well as our successful and proud predecessors," Sargeant said.

Sargeant said he, his wife Vivie and their children Patrick and Michelle are thrilled to join the 56th FW family. He called his family "the air under my wings, who motivate and inspire me with their love and humor."



Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, praises Luke as the place where the best attributes of fighter pilot mentality are taught and reinforced.

Annual awards

Former CMSAF explains equation for success

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor visited Luke Feb. 10, 11 and Saturday to speak at the 56th Fighter Wing annual awards banquet.

During his visit, Gaylor also spoke to about 300 Team Luke members during an enlisted call, toured the 56th Component Repair Squadron engine shop and the 56th Security Forces Squadron.

"I have learned that there are no great men and women, but there are situations that allow average men and women to do great things," Gaylor said during the awards banquet. "From what I see at Luke, there are many men and women doing great things as evidenced by the challenges that you have met head on and overcome.

"As I look at all of the award nominees, I see one thing for sure — there are no losers in this group.

'One thing is held in common with each of these people, they will all agree they are simply representative of hundreds of men and women at Luke Air Force Base who personify Air Force core values.'

Gaylor spoke of the formula for success and how the award nominee's dedication and sacrifice led to their success.

'Wouldn't it be great if opportunity came with a flashing neon sign that said 'grab me, here I am'? But you know, as well as I do, it doesn't hap-

pen that way," he said. "Sometimes it is very subtle, sometimes we just have to say, 'I think that might be it.' Invariably, it involves giving up something. It's rare we get to keep everything we have and just take more. Sometimes success takes risk. It never comes with a 100-percent guarantee.

Offering his advice on how others can be successful, Gaylor said, "good things cometh to those who waiteth so long as those who waiteth worketh like hell while they waiteth."

Gaylor was the fifth person to hold the highest enlisted position. He entered the Air Force in September 1948 as a security policeman and served as CMSAF from June 1977 until his retirement in July 1979.

"Even after retirement, the chief has continued to represent the men and women of the Air Force in matters that effect our quality of life," said Brig. Gen. John Barry as he drew near the end of his position as the 56th Fighter Wing commander. "Not only is he a part of our history, but his vision for the Air Force is a part of our future."

The CMSAF position was created in 1967 to provide a representative voice for enlisted members. They act as advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of Staff in matters of welfare, health, morale, utilization and progress of the enlisted force.

For more information on 56th FW annual award winners, see page 12.

Dragonslayers win best Air Force CES

By Senior Airman J. Propst 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Dragonslayers defeated all other Air Force civil engineer squadrons to win the Society of American Military Engineers Curtin Award.

56th CES recently won a number of AETC and individual awards that helped capture the Air Force award.

"I believe the reason we won is the large number of dedicated professionals in CE who truly want to make aerospace power better than they found it," Chief Master Sgt. Fred Wagner, 56th CES chief enlisted manager, said.

56th CES was involved in many projects including construction of a chiller plant to reduce energy consumption by 45 percent, saving more than \$500,000 a year.

The relationship our fire department has with the local community is unlike anything I've ever seen before," Richard Zumbehl, 56th CES deputy base civil engineer, said. "One day Luke firefighters were instructing Glendale departments on how to handle an F-16 hazard, and the next day those local crews put that training to work by assisting us with a real-world crash.

CE personnel did this all while supporting operations in southwest Asia, France and Bosnia as well as

meeting the challenges of seven F-16 crashes. CE even managed to shine in the face of adversity when they returned the desert to pristine condition just

21 days after an aircraft mishap. "I am proud of what CE has accomplished," said Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. "The Dragonslayers deserve this recognition and are outstanding members of our team."

Action Line

As members of Team Luke, we share a common goal: supporting each other and working together to accomplish our mission of taking care of our people.

Your ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement. Please work directly with the official responsible for



Col. Steve Sargeant 56th FW commander

the area that has earned your concern. However, if the appropriate official is unable to ensure satisfactory treatment, you can call me through the Action Line at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil.

Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal response. Together we can make Luke an even better place to work and live.

Tour program kudos

Comment: I recently toured Luke and wish to commend our tour leader, Staff Sgt. Brian Coors-Davidson, and his staff. He was very personable, well-informed and a true professional who spoke highly of Team Luke and their mission. I'd like to compliment you and your team.

~Ğlenn Kennedy~

Active-duty sick call clarification

Comment: I'm an active-duty staff sergeant. When I called the base hospital's Copper Team to schedule a sick-call appointment for unexplained headaches and dizziness, I was told this illness didn't qualify for a same-day appointment and was offered the "next available" appointment in 18 days. I've been in the Air Force for 14 years and I have never had to wait more than two days for an appointment. I thought active-duty members received priority?

Response: Thanks for identifying the problem you faced with our sick-call appointment system. Yes, active-duty people are our No. 1 priority. It is very rare when active-duty, same-day sick call appointments are all booked. When this happens, we will see active-duty people on a walk-in basis. Although the wait time may be longer than it would have been with an appointment, our commitment to active-duty members is "same day" service anytime you feel ill. Our staff has been reminded of this policy.



e-mail:
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856-7011

Days since last Luke DUI:



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Use a designated driver

Information Assurance Month

Internet violators beware

By Senior Airman Lynn Lowery

Are you using your government computer illegally? The cyberpolice are watching and the results are rather disturbing.

Team Luke members have compromised their integrity and acted unprofessional, while on duty, by illegally surfing the Internet. Illegal Internet surfing is out of hand and we have to do something about it.

In December 1999 alone, there were 30 reported incidents involving pornography, improper use of government property and connectivity to pornographic chat lines. These incidents have been turned over to the respective commanders for fraud, waste and abuse violations. Any one of these incidents can result in loss of money, reduction in rank, personal embarrassment and discharge.

The misuse of computers is not only a problem for the government, it is a problem in the civilian sector as well. The Dec. 19 issue of "The Arizona Republic" contained an article written by Lisa Guernsey for the "New York Times" concerning web surfing.

One day early in October, 40 employees of the Xerox Corp., in sites across the country, received unwelcome news: "They had been caught surfing forbidden Web sites. These people were caught by software designed to monitor their on-line indiscretions." These workers were fired immediately, but they were not the only ones being subjected to the

watchful eye of monitoring software.

The Defense Department and Air Force work in much the same way. Programs are written to scan script files for certain words, phrases and characters that alert the system administrator of illegal activity. Air Force Instruction 33-129, specifically prohibits the use of government-provided computer hardware and software for other than official and authorized government business.

In addition, storing, processing, displaying, sending or otherwise transmitting offensive or obscene language or material is prohibited.

Offensive material includes, but is not limited to, "hate literature," such as racist literature, materials or symbols — for example, swastikas, neo-Nazi materials, sexually harassing materials, etc.

Obscene material includes, but is not limited to, pornography and other sexually explicit materials. Participating in "chat lines" or open-forum discussions, unless for official purposes and after approval by appropriate public affairs channels, is strictly prohibited.

Before you surf to an illegal site or take part in illegal activity, ask yourself this question, "Is ending my career and exposing my private life worth the click of a mouse button?"

The cyberpolice, whether in your unit, group or within the network control center have enhanced security tools to monitor illegal activity. If you're up to no good, it will surface ... it's just a matter of time.

African American History: Legacy enters 21st century

By Gen. Lloyd Newton
AETC commander

As we celebrate African American History Month, I've had the chance to reflect on this year's theme, "Heritage and Horizons: The African American Legacy and the Challenges of the 21st Century."

The history of African Americans is one of difficulty and pain, but it is also one of courage and strength, filled with determination and hope that still inspires America and people around the world.

The tragedy and violence of slavery is woven throughout the basic heritage of African Americans, but they have overcome these conditions with courage and the strength of a people united in bettering their lives. For example, they fought for and gained the right to fight in the Civil War. The following from Frederick Douglass, a famous abolitionist, epitomizes the determination and hope of these early American soldiers:

"Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters "U.S.," let him get an eagle on his button and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pockets, and there is no power on earth which can deny that he "The diverse
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example for other
countries — our
diversity continues
to be our strength."

Gen. Lloyd Newton
AETC commander

has earned the right to citizenship in the United States."

Åpproximately 180,000 African Americans, in 163 units, served during the Civil War, comprising 10 percent of the Union Army. During the course of the war, approximately one-third of these men lost their lives. The courage and strength they demonstrated in battle is part of the heritage our servicemembers carry today. They helped fuel the determination and hope for a promising future.

The future for African Americans, as well as all Americans,

is one of challenges. Our main challenge, as we rocket into the 21st century, is making sure no one is left behind. This proposal holds true in society as well as in AFTC.

What are you doing to help fill others with determination and hope? When Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech, people understood it wasn't just his dream, but his dream for America. Your challenge is to keep that dream alive for future Americans and Air Force leaders.

As you reflect on African American heritage and horizons, remember this is one part of our heritage. The diverse heritages that constitute our American society have made our nation great and serve as an example for other countries — our diversity continues to be our strength.

The U.S. military, with its diversity in personnel throughout the ranks, is a representation of America throughout the world. Wherever we are stationed — from Asia, to the Balkans and Europe, to South America — we represent the best of America. Our challenge is to always make diversity work for us and help strengthen and improve our abilities as a military force.

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Old Glory ...



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Luke Honor Guard members perform a retreat ceremony Feb. 4 at the base flag pole. The purpose of the ceremony is twofold: it signifies the end of the official duty day and pays respect to the U.S. flag.

Luke vies for Verne Orr award

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Fighter Wing is AETC's nominee for the 2000 Verne Orr Award, command officials announced Feb. 7.

The Verne Orr Award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and recognizes an Air Force unit that makes the most effective use of its human resources. The annual award was established in honor of former Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr.

The 56th FW was selected because it met the Air Force's most demanding training schedule and expertly managed the Barry M. Goldwater Range complex all while turning adversity – five aircraft accidents in 1999 — into a national victory. Only the Herculean efforts of the 56th personnel could have kept pilot production on track while fixing the engines for its F-16 fleet and seeking renewal of the range lease, officials said.

"This nomination is a testimony to Luke's teamwork and dedication to solve a complex series of problems," said Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander. "Your performance was extraordinary."

In order to fulfill its pilot-production quota, Luke had to keep its F-16 fleet flying. To do that, wing maintainers had to tackle what caused the crashes — failures in the Pratt and Whitney F-100-PW-220 engine. Engine troubles, particularly material failures of the augmentor duct and turbine blades, caused three of the accidents in 1999.

Rising to the challenge, Luke hosted a worldwide F100-220 engine summit in February 1999 to identify the need fund engine safety modifications and upgrades. The maintainers also worked with the engine manufacturer and the San Antonio Logistics

Center to develop a comprehensive inspection to find cracks in the augmentor duct that previously would have gone undetected. The inspection criteria for the engine augmentor ducts was adopted throughout the Air Force, ultimately impacting the entire Air Force fleet, including Kosovo, Operation Southern Watch, and Operation Northern Watch aircraft.

To accomplish the wing's mission – train the world's finest F-16 pilots – the Barry M. Goldwater Range with its 57,000 cubic miles of restricted air space is critical. Working to ensure the wing has a place to train its pilots is the range management office's responsibility. Their dedication was another reason the wing was selected as the command's Verne Orr Award nominee.

During 1999, Luke's range management office completed a \$22 million legislative environmental impact statement as part of an application to Congress to allow military training on the range for another 25 years.

As part of the EIS process, Air Force biologists, archeologists and environmental planners completed more than 100 studies since 1993, identifying more than 1,100 archaeological sites on 95,000 acres of land. The environmental team worked closely with counterparts at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Game and Fish Department, State Historic Preservation Office and Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma.

Besides holding public meetings, the RMO staff consulted with 26 tribes in Arizona, New Mexico and California. It was the wing's proven ability and commitment to natural and cultural resource management that resulted in the Defense Department being named the designated land manager, officials said.

Valentines for Vets: Volunteers make cards, deliver to Arizona home

By Janie McLaury 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke volunteers delivered more than 1,000 valentines made by Luke youth center and local elementary school children Friday to the Arizona State Veteran Home in Phoenix. About 50 volunteers participated in the Valentines for Vets program handing out more than 1,100 valentines to nearly 200 of the home's residents. Patty Ooton, medical record technician at the home said her patients were thrilled to receive the cards.

"Patients love to see different faces and especially those in uniform." Ooton said.

Many residents met the Air Force, civilian and public affairs representatives with tear-filled eyes. Besides delivering the valentines,

volunteers also had time to visit with the residents. Some patients, unable to speak or even sit up in bed, listened and held the volunteers' hands.

Some residents have been at the home since it opened in 1995. Sharon Stephens, licensed practical nurse at the home said many of her patients have no other residence or family. Many display their military awards and decorations at the entrance of the veterans' home.

"The home was established to provide compassionate, professional care to veterans who have become America's heroes through their commitment to freedom and democracy, often achieved at great personal sacrifice," said John Tucker, veteran home administrator. "The home offers the highest level of professional service, dedicated to serving those

who have served our country. They are the ones who secured such a life for the rest of us."

Master Sgt. Paul Way, 56th Fighter Wing Manpower and Quality, has volunteered for the Valentines for Vets program for the past three years. He said the visits help veterans remember their past.

"People don't need a special occasion to visit the veteran's home," Way said. "There is so much history in that building. Every time I talk to a veteran, I thank them personally for serving our country and paving the way for me to be where I am today."

"Luke's visit serves as a way for us to remember and pay tribute to the leaders who served before us," said 2nd Lt. Miki Krejcarek, 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, community relations chief.

News Briefs

Holiday hours

Presidents' Day holiday hours for Monday at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities are:

Main store 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shoppette 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Car care center 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Burger King** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Concessions 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Robin Hood** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anthony's Pizza Starbucks 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Popeye's All other AAFES facilities are closed.

In addition, the commissary is closed Monday.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Zane Deneen is today at 2 p.m. at Hangar 995 of the 56th Component Repair Squadron egress section. A reception follows.

Honor guard competition

A Luke Honor Guard tri-flight competition is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bldg. 152 drill pad. First sergeants, senior NCOs and officers are invited to judge as well as others to find out more about joining the honor guard.

National Prayer Breakfast

The 56th Fighter Wing prayer breakfast is Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the enlisted club. Chaplain (Col.) Charles Baldwin is the guest speaker. For more information, call the chapel at 856-6211.

TMO closure

The traffic management flight closes each Wednesday at 2 p.m. for training. For emergencies, call freight at (602) 498-8065 or passenger travel and personal property at 856-6423.

Birthday meal

The Ray V. Hensman Dining Facility's monthly birthday meal is Thursday at 5 p.m. Register at the dining hall or call Airman 1st Class Lauralee Reeves at 856-7097.

EEO counselors needed

The 56th Fighter Wing seeks collateral duty equal employment opportunity counselors. GS-5 and above civilian employees are eligible to apply. Duties include advising complainants, trying to resolve complaints at the informal stage and keeping a record of counseling activities. Applications endorsed by supervisors are due March 10. For more information, call Susan Bradford at 856-7747.

Military citizenship applications

The Immigration and Naturalization Service and Defense Department allow personnel with three years service to apply for citizenship via the military personnel flight. For more information, call 856-7874.

Reenlistment bonus cap

The maximum selective reenlistment bonus went from \$45,000 to 60,000. Anyone reenlisting on or after Feb. 4 may be eligible. For more information, call the Air Force Personnel Center at DSN 665-2090.

Income tax assistance

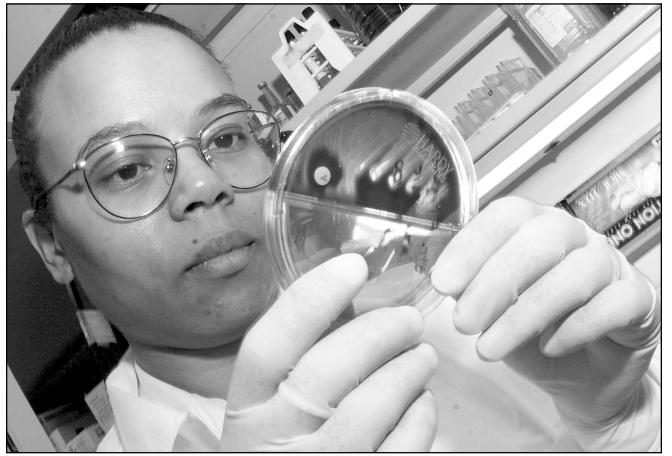
The Luke Tax Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The center provides free income tax help to active-duty members and retirees; appointments are not necessary. For more information, call the center at 856-3140 or Staff Sgt. Jay Dorris at 856-6901.

Logistics professional banquet

The Logistics Professional Banquet is March 11 at 6 p.m. in Hangar 913. The event recognizes 56th Fighter Wing outstanding maintenance and support personnel. Chief master sergeants have tickets.

Clarification

The Feb. 11 "Tallyho" stated the 62nd Fighter Squadron won the 1999 Turkey Shoot. Although they did win the competition in December 1998, falling within fiscal year 1999, the 21st Fighter Squadron won the competition in December 1999.



Tech. Sgt. Lorna McCullom, 56th Medical Group Microbiology NCO in charge, examines a culture sample.

Luke hospital opens lab

By Kristen M. Butler 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A medical laboratory more than twice the size of the previous facility opened Feb. 7 at the Luke hospital.

The nearly four-year, \$2 million renovation project provides a larger patient waiting area, additional offices, a supply and conference room and greater work space.

We literally went from bumping elbows to this more than 2,200 square-foot facility," Lt. Col. Jo Haga, 56th Medical Group Pathology Flight commander. The working environment has improved tremendously.

'Not only does the staff benefit, but our providers and patients as well. The upgrades give us a more professional appearance which enhances the confidence our customers place in us ... we definitely make a good first impression."

Haga said lab space is vital to the hospital's future. We have more than 24,000 individuals enrolled in

the healthcare program at Luke's medical facility; if we reach our enrollment goals, by fiscal year 2002, the 56th MDG hopes to enroll an additional 8,300 people into TRICARE Prime," Haga said. "With additional patients comes additional (lab) testing and we definitely have the room to grow with the projected increased demand."

The lab is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and accredited by the College of American Pathologists and the American Association of Blood Banks. Each day five managers and approximately 20 technical staff members oversee and perform more than 1,100 laboratory tests. The lab performs urinalysis, chemistry, microbiology, hematology and coagulation procedures. In addition, the lab operates a transfusion service with a small inventory of blood products.

"The medical group constantly strives to make services better and this is a tremendous improvement to the laboratory service," said Col. Michael Lischak, 56th MDG commander.

Commanders meet, debate range topics

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson

The 56th Fighter Wing and Luke's Range Management Office hosted the semiannual Range Commanders Conference Feb. 7 through 11.

The Range Commanders Council Vice Conference, representing more than 20 ranges, was founded in 1951 to serve the operational needs of Department of Defense test, training and operational military ranges.

'The conference allows all range commanders and their representatives an opportunity to receive firsthand updates on issues and concerns that may one day impact their ability to complete their mission," said Terry Hansen, 56th RMO assistant airspace manager.

During the conference, range commanders and invited guests worked to resolve common problems, conduct joint investigations pertaining to research, design, development, procurement, testing and interoperability.

"The council develops operational procedures and standards for present and future range use," said Susan Wood, Range Commanders Council management support assistant.

The conferences encourage the interchange of technical systems and equipment and brings together a diverse group of agencies to ensure the safe and environmentally conscious operation of a nationally critical resource," she said.

Issues addressed during the conference included encroachment, treaty compliance impacts, environmental stewardship responsibilities, resource sharing opportunities, funding and joint-procurement opportunities.

The conference is every February and August and hosting responsibility rotates among the RCC members.

While at Luke, range commanders discussed air, land and sea space issues, environmental concerns associated with operating a military operating area and toured the Barry M. Goldwater Range.

"The meetings for this conference went very well," Wood said. "We were impressed with the accommodations, support staff and service from Luke for this

Luke airmen receive rank reduction, discharge

By Kristen M. Butler and Joy Denning

Two Luke roommates recently received bad conduct and dishonorable discharges for their part in stealing nearly \$8,000 worth of merchandise from a local electronics store.

In separate court-martial proceedings: Senior Airman Jorge Ramos, 309th Fighter Squadron load team member, received a bad conduct discharge, threemonths confinement and reduction in rank to airman basic after he pleaded guilty to two counts of larceny.

Additionally, Airman 1st Class Chez Zabala, 56th Supply Squadron mobility operations journeyman, received a dishonorable discharge, one-year confinement, a reduction in rank to airman basic and forfeiture of all pay and allowances after he pleaded guilty to two counts of larceny. He was also found guilty of seven more counts of larceny and one count of making a false claim against the United States.

While working at a Circuit City, on two separate nights in October, Zabala and Ramos stole from their off-duty employer, said Capt. Kelli Donley, 56th Judge Advocate General's prosecutor. One night they stole two laptop computers and two digital hand-held video recorders. Two nights later, they stole a component system, amplifier and another hand-held recorder.

The roommates pretended to fill customer orders at the store's warehouse when they picked up the stolen merchan-

"When an Air Force member steals from a civilian store, it reflects poorly on the Air Force. The Air Force and its people have a good reputation, but it only takes one person to damage it."

Capt. Jon Burgess

56th Staff Judge Advocate Office prosecutor

dise and took it to Zabala's car. After store

"We have policies and practices our people are supposed to follow," Clint Morgani, Circuit City loss prevention manager, said. "The tapes showed items were being taken out of the store that had not been scanned."

Store managers immediately confronted Ramos and Zabala. The two admitted to stealing more than \$7,800 in merchandise: all items were returned.

As an Army veteran, Morgani decided to call Luke's JAG offices rather than local law enforcement agencies.

Ramos was on terminal leave at the time, about one month away from separating from the Air Force.

"Even though Ramos was on terminal leave, he was still considered a military member and held to Air Force standards," Capt. Jon Burgess, 56th JAG

prosecutor, said. Ramos' leave was canceled after the investigation and court-martial charges

were preferred against him.

"When an Air Force member steals managers discovered the lost inventory, from a civilian store, it reflects poorly on they reviewed security camera videotapes. the Air Force," Burgess said. "The Air Force and its people have a good reputation, but it only takes one person to damage it."

While the extent of Ramos' crimes stop here, the Circuit City thefts were only a small fraction of Zabala's illegal actions, Donley said.

Between February and May 1999, Zabala committed a number of thefts at Luke. He stole a co-worker's portable stereo from her duty section, three automotive batteries from his squadron and a CD collection from an airman's dorm room.

In addition, he broke into three airmen's dormitory storage lockers and stole a telescope, amplifier, nine tires and five rims. Approximately, two months later, in July, 56th Security Forces members searched Zabala's off-base residence and seized many of the stolen items. Two batteries and four tires with custom rims were never recovered. At this time, Zabala was placed under investigation.

"Beyond the thefts, Zabala concocted a

plan in September to make a false claim against the United States," Donley said.

He gave his car stereo, amplifier, various speakers and other items to another airman to hold for him. He then filed a claim in November stating these items worth \$1,800, were stolen from his car while living on base, Donley explained.

"Zabala had a pattern of serious criminal misconduct," Donley said. "What makes his crimes even worse is that he was already under investigation for the dorm thefts when he stole from Circuit City and filed a false claim."

Zabala's thefts, including the Circuit City items and false claim, added up to more than \$13,000.

Tech. Sgt. Delbert Champ and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ludwikoski of the 56th Security Forces Squadron office of investigations, really helped build the case, Donley said.

"I'd like to thank (Delbert and Ludwikoski) for a job well done – it's great investigators like these who help us get a conviction," Donley said.

A dishonorable discharge is the most severe punishment an airman can receive. The last discharge of this type at Luke was more than three years ago.

"That a panel of Luke officers sentenced Zabala to a dishonorable discharge sends the message that stealing from fellow airmen, co-workers, the Air Force and your civilian employer is not just bad, it's truly dishonorable - Zabala brought dishonor to the Air Force, his actions victimized both the Air Force and its members," Donley said.

Budget 2001

Proposal focuses on people, readiness

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force continues to focus its emphasis on people, readiness and evolution toward an expeditionary force as it unveiled its proposed fiscal year 2001 budget Feb. 7, totaling \$71.2 billion.

This figure excludes funds earmarked for the National Foreign Intelligence Program, Special Operations Command and the Defense Health program.

The Air Force budget represents 1.1-percent real growth across future years' defense program, and sustains funding levels and balance in major areas, including people, readiness, modernization and infrastructure.

The overall Department of Defense request totals \$291.1 billion in budget authority. Secretary of Defense William Cohen said the budget protects the president's commitment to preserving America's military excellence. That commitment is reinforced by added funding — \$4.8 billion in fiscal 2001 — primarily for operations in Bosnia and Kosovo, and higher fuel costs.

Secretary Cohen said the budget proposal continues DOD's post-Cold War transformation of the U.S. defense posture, in keeping with his 1997 Quadrennial Defense Review. In characterizing progress on that transformation, he said, "The foundation is laid, blueprints are agreed upon, and key building blocks are in place."

However, he cautioned that "more hard work and tough choices are needed."

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Pay and allowances

Fiscal 1999s budget included the largest increase in military compensation in a generation. The fiscal 2000 plan calls for improvements in health care, a base pay raise of 3.7 percent, and a major effort to lower members' out-of-pocket housing expenses, eliminating them by 2005.

The DOD proposal includes initiatives to eliminate co-payments for active-duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime and receiving civilian care, and expansion of TRICARE Prime Remote to active-duty families living far from military treatment facilities. DOD is also studying other improvements, including options to improve health care benefits for over-65 military retirees.

Readiness levels

DOD leaders said the budget will sustain high levels of readiness, and its funding of Bosnia and Kosovo operations is key to protecting those levels. The request projects \$60 billion for procurement and includes investments in the F-22 and cost-effective upgrades to existing systems.

The Air Force budget targets five ar-

eas: aerospace power; people; readiness; modernization; and physical plant critical needs, which includes construction, facility up keep, and environmental issues.

Construction

Air Force military construction funding nears \$600 million and addresses its most pressing needs.

This includes \$8.4 million for the Air Force Reserve and \$37.1 million for the Air National Guard. Targets include 10 dormitories, one child-care facility, four fitness centers, three family housing projects and various logistics, support and maintenance facilities.

The Air Force is allocating \$224 million for its housing construction program.

The Air Force is also continuing its privatization efforts, studying 10 candidates and another six for fiscal 2001.

Recruiting and retention

In its recruiting and retention programs, the Air Force continues its emphasis on combating downward trends. For fiscal 2001, \$354 million — an increase of \$42 million from fiscal 2000 —

is for recruiting and retention programs. Funding goes toward expanded reenlistment bonuses, increased promotion rates, EAF implementation, additional recruiters and advertising.

Fleet maintenance

The Air Force budget proposal includes funding for operating 10 aerospace expeditionary forces and increased funding for aircraft and missile maintenance, training facilities, critical spare parts and maintenance of existing force structure. However, Air Force officials said problems remain with the modernization pace and the backlog on infrastructure maintenance and repair continues to grow.

Funding initiatives of \$2.8 billion are earmarked for upgrades in aircraft systems like the C-5, C-130, F-16, F-15E, A-10 and B-1. Another eight initiatives address spares shortfalls through fiscal 2002 of \$1.3 billion.

These are aimed at increasing spares, reducing backorders, streamlining the order process, reducing distribution time and increasing inventories.

The proposal continues its balanced and time-phased modernization effort of the C-17, F-22, C-130J, CV-22, JPATS and JSTARS fleets. It also continues to develop and modernize the evolved expendable launch vehicle, space-based infrared systems, and global positioning system. Nextgeneration weapons like the joint strike fighter, unmanned aerial vehicles and precision weapons are also targeted.

Luke Link

Bus service to Luke Air Force Base

Manistee Town Center	59th Ave. and Glenn Dr.		Glendale Ave. and 75th Ave.	Luke Commissary			Glendale Ave. and 75th Ave.		
6:10 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	6:25 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:45 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:03 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
7:10 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:03 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
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5:10 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	5:50 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:03 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:10 p.m.

The Luke Link offers a free ride to military and civilian people commuting to and from work. The service runs Mondays through Fridays from 6:10 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. People who do not live directly on the Luke Link route may ride their bikes to the bus stop and place them on a bike rack mounted on the bus. The fare is \$1.25 for people not commuting to work.

Employees who live close to Phoenix Metro bus stops may acquire a Bus Card Plus Card from Gary Ewing, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight trip reduction program manager, and ride free on the metro buses.

If a Luke Link passenger has a home emergency and they need to leave work, they can call Ewing for a ride home.

The Valley Metro Route 67 departs hourly from Arrowhead Towne Center beginning at 5:59 a.m. until 5:20 p.m. and connects with the Luke Link at Glendale and 67th avenues.

The Luke Link is part of the base's efforts to reduce the amount of carbon monoxide, ozone and particulate matter in the Valley air. For more information, call 930-3521 or 856-3815 ext. 234.

DOD finalizes travel card policy

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense policy is being finalized which mandates federal employees, including military members, may no longer use their personal credit charge cards for authorized expenses while on official government travel.

Use of the government Visa travel card by all federal employees becomes mandatory March 1, according to revised policies dictated by the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998.

"The policy has not been formally signed out, but it's important to get as much information out as possible. We want to provide our people in the field with the latest information we have," said Michael Weber, Air Force card coordinator.

The act created the requirement to enable the government to take advantage of rebates from charge card companies, and to help track travel expenditures, Air Force officials said.

DOD employees will be required to use the government travel card primarily for hotel costs, car rentals and air travel.

"These services were selected because all major airlines, hotels and car rental companies will accept the government travel card," said Weber.

"It may be difficult to use the card at some of the smaller merchant stores. For that reason, card use is not required for such expenses as restaurant meals and other incidental items," he said.

The government gets a rebate based on the amount of card charges.

"That rebate is used by (the Government Services Agency) for manning the program," Weber said, "and the (Air Force portion) of the rebate is given back to each major command to be put in its travel budget."

Despite the convenience of using the government Visa card, its mandatory use has evoked some criticism. People have asked about charging interest on overdue balances, especially on long deployments.

"By contract, the bank can't charge interest on overdue balances," Weber said. "That's why we don't call it a credit card — it's a travel card. With a credit card, if you don't pay your balance, interest automatically accrues. The travel card doesn't have that. After 120 days, you would be charged a \$20 late fee, but that's way late in the process."

Base finance offices have two ways of handling the financial interests of those deployed for longer than 60 days. They can either issue an advance up front for the entire amount entitled for that deployment, or they can send a monthly entitlement to the deployed person's checking account.

"You have to take some responsibility by planning in advance to make sure this card is paid along with your other personal financial responsibilities, such as rent or car payments," Weber said. "You can always call the 1-800 number on the back of the card and ask the bank how much you owe; or you could save your receipts, total them up and send the payment in."

Failure to pay the bill in a timely manner can affect credit ratings. When applying for the travel card, people are given some measure of privacy regarding their credit history. If objections are made to credit inquiries from the issuing bank, simply check the block denying access to credit history on the application and a restricted, limited card is issued.

The restricted card must be activated by a designated member of the traveler's unit, and it carries a lower spending limit. If the bank is allowed to perform a credit check, the member's credit history shows the bank has looked, no other information is posted.

Other concerns center around privacy issues on spending habits.

"Some people are concerned about privacy, or giving their Social Security number," Weber said. "Bank of America, by contract, is not allowed to use any personal financial data except to administer the contract. The bank does not inform the Air Force of an individual's financial credit record."

Although travel card use is mandatory, punishment for those who don't use it is at a unit commander's discretion.

"Rumors are going around that if travelers do not use the travel card, they will not be reimbursed on their travel voucher," Weber said. "Travelers will be reimbursed when vouchers are submitted, regardless of card use. However, by not using the card, they would be in violation of the law and could be subject to disciplinary action.

"There will be a statement put on the travel order that will reference the law and tell the traveler that he or she must use the travel card," Weber added.

People who are exempt from using the travel card include Air Force Academy cadets, basic military trainees and airmen attending technical school. Other exemptions can be explained by base financial officials. DOD does not accept exemptions because a person does not want to use the card.

56th RMO, FAA test air surveillance radar

By Mary Jo May 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Range Management Office in collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration is testing the integration of a powerful radar to enhance Luke's training mission.

The Air Route Surveillance Radar improves airspace utilization and increases safety by providing better radar coverage for the Barry M. Goldwater Range as well as the 56th Fighter Wing assigned to military operating areas airspace.

The ARSR-4 provides more fidelity, power and accuracy that can track anything in the airspace. Additionally, full integration will provide positive control and separation from civilian traffic from 5,000 feet above the ground to the airspace ceiling, said Maj Lou Benoit, 56th RMO strategic plans chief.

ARSR-4 data is transmitted via encrypted phone lines and microwave from the range site to Luke. The system should be fully operational by May.

"There was a big gap in our airspace not covered before having this radar, Benoit said. "The Gladden/Bagdad area northwest of Phoenix is literally surrounded by commercial airline traffic routes. We need more radar capability to avoid conflicts with civil traffic passing through, above, below and outside the area. Our radar approach control doesn't capture some of the critical areas where conflicts occur.

The FAA plans to use this radar to enhance their capability to monitor traffic entering or passing through the Phoenix airspace, particularly traffic going to and from the Los Angeles area.

There are four military units that provide Luke ground control intercept support for F-16 student pilots in their air-to-air phase of training. The 607th Air Control Squadron at Luke, the 107th Air Control Squadron at Phoenix Sky Harbor, the Western Air Defense Sector at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., and air-

borne warning and command system aircraft.

"The radar will augment these radars providing us the ability to see all the training in the airspace," said Capt. Kyle Mullen, 607th ACS weapons and tactics chief. "Presently, the 607th and 107th ACS can only control 50 percent of the area because of our location and the interference from local mountain ranges."

The range has not had a dedicated radar site or GCI source since the late 1960s, but ARSR-4 changes that. "Another problem was the 607th and 107th ACS could deploy at any given time leaving the range without dedicated GCI support," Benoit said.

"Fortunately, both the 607th and 107th ACS are becoming GCI school houses. This enables them to provide two weapon directors to control both red and blue air GCI for any mission on a more reliable and frequent basis," Benoit explained.

The RMO's ultimate goal is to develop an integrated range control facility.

"Our range control presently consists of a person with a grease pencil marking a chart on a wall to track aircraft in and out of the areas," Benoit said. "Now we can use a radar picture displayed on a computer to see realtime use of the airspace and eliminate guesswork. This is a more effective and efficient way to use our range.

Another issue is safety. Military aircraft must deviate from their planned flight path because of unmonitored civilian traffic. The ARSR-4 reduces this hazard by giving pilots and air traffic controllers a better picture of who is in or around the airspace.

The ARSR-4 will eventually provide the ability to link manned and unmanned threat emitters to formulate an integrated air defense system. Presently, threat emitters are aimed by a person who visually acquires and locks onto cooperating military aircraft and then shoots a rocket at the aircraft. This is a random and inaccurate way of doing threat tactic training, Benoit said.

"With greater situational awareness, an integrated threat array will provide our pilots more frequent threat



Courtesy phot

The ARSR-4 facility is located on Childs Mountain at the Barry M. Goldwater Range.

engagements and more realistic training," Benoit said. The ARSR-4 is critical to the range's future, said Lt. Col. Eric Isaacson, 56th RMO operations officer.

"The ARSR-4 provides RMO and Luke RAPCON positive control over all range operations," he said. "ARSR-4 also provides positive control in our southern MOAs which allows lights-out training using night vision goggles to be more robust."

Wing leaders strive for drug-free Luke

Illegal drugs, improper usage of prescriptions compromise readiness, end Air Force careers

By Staff Sgt. Jamie Waaler

Commanders, first sergeants and supervisors are working hard to let Team Luke know that use of illegal drugs and the misuse of prescriptions drugs compromises readiness and may lead to the end of a career.

The Drug Demand Reduction Program helps support a drug-free base by conducting drug urinalysis testing daily.

The DDRP is managed as directed by AETC, the Air Force and in accordance with Air Force Instruc-

The program, with the support of the 56th Fighter Wing commander, has reduced illicit drug use by 50 percent in 1999.

Selection for random drug testing is performed by the Air Force Drug Testing Program, a computer program which randomly selects individuals from the base manning roster. As in any random system, there will be a percentage of people selected many times.

In 1999 there were 14 people testing positive for illicit drugs, down from 27 in 1998.

Those testing positive for drugs in 1999 include five people for marijuana, two people for amphetamines, two people for methamphetamines, two for cocaine, two for barbiturates and one person for steroids.

Unfortunately, even though the number of people testing positive has been reduced, Luke's drug use rate is still the fourth highest in AETC, lower only than Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; and Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

As well as random drug testing selections there are "special sweeps" at the wing commander's discretion. Military members entering the base, living in the dormitories or assigned to specific units may be selected for testing. Squadron commanders may also request personnel in one of their own units be tested.

These additional sweeps may take place on weekends and holidays and even those people on leave may be selected for testing during random gate or a dormitory checks.

To notify those selected for drug testing, squadron commanders appoint specially trained "trusted agents." In turn, the trusted agents notify those personnel selected. All random inspection selectees must be tested at the drug testing office.

Other testing categories, such as commander-directed and probable cause may be tested at the hospital laboratory after the drug testing office is closed.

If a person is notified of selection for testing but fail to show up, their commander, the Air Force office of Special Investigations and the judge advocate are notified.

If a member is on a temporary duty assignment or on leave when selected, they must report upon

The number of unexcused no-shows has been drastically reduced in the last six months due to increased follow-up procedures.

"The goals of the drug abuse testing program include maintaining the health and wellness of a fit and ready fighting force and a drug-free community," said Maj. Diane Behler, 56th FW deputy staff judge advocate. "Simply put, we want to deter military members from abusing illegal drugs and other illicit substances."

First sergeants welcome questions and suggestions to help make Luke a "drug-free zone."

56th FW names annual award winners



NCO Crider



Senior NCO Jenkins



First sergeant Barnes



Company grade officer Hughes

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Ceremonial guards stood tall, honoring them as they marched proudly, gleaming swords reflected their image as they passed, images of integrity, service and excellence. They stood before their peers, subordinates and supervisors as a shining example of the best Team Luke has to offer. They are the 56th Fighter Wing annual award winners.

The wing's top performers for 1999 were announced during a Feb. 11 ceremony at the Desert Star Enlisted Club.

'All of our award nominees are winners. They represent the total spirit and professionalism found in every corner of our community. This is a great event to celebrate the accomplishments of our award nominees, recipients and the wing," said Chief Master Sgt. Bob Handley, 56th FW command chief master sergeant.

After just three days on the job, Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander, said he was extraordinarily impressed with the level of talent, dedication and performance of the men and women of Team Luke.

The reputation of our folks as problem solvers who dedicate themselves to excellence is well known throughout our Air Force," Sargeant said. "To have been selected as one of Luke's annual winners is a remarkable achievement."

The award winners are:

NCO

As the NCO of the year, Tech. Sgt. Douglas Crider, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron structural shop foreman, was selected for outstanding duty performance on facilities projects including the dining hall renovations, first term airman's center, end-of-runway barriers, aircraft hangars, dormitories and the office of special investigations.

Crider's volunteer service includes the Special Olympics, Arizona Boy's Ranch and Reach Inner City Youth Program.

He nears completion of a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering.

Senior NCO

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Jenkins earned senior NCO of the year while assigned to the 56th CES as assistant chief for operations and readiness.

Jenkins was named superb mentor and leader for projects including engineering and implementing emergency



GS-6 and below civilian Taylor

access plans,

mutual- aid

to support the air expeditionary force.

suicide awareness.

tional education.



GS-7 and above civilian Sanders



Federal wage schedule Angulo

managing two disaster scenes involving six fire departments, serving as senior official during a response to the rollover of a 5,000gallon fuel tanker and aggressively creating a readi-Ceremonial guardsman ness program that was the first McCoy in AETC selected



Ceremonial flight manager **Kidd**

base functions and working as editor of the squadron newsletter. Taylor is a

member of Luke's Thunderbird Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers. She also supports the unit advisory council

and the wing Adopt-A-Family

Airman of the Year **Barras**

First sergeant

He is a member of the West

Side Valley Issues Committee,

an enlisted club council mem-

ber, Girl Scout leader, Arizona

instituted a speaker program

on financial management and

a bachelor's degree in occupa-

Jenkins nears completion of

Special Olympics volunteer and

The 56th FW First Sergeant of the Year is Master Sgt. Eric Barnes. Assigned to the 56th Operations Support Squadron, Barnes consistently maintains high morale among 300 squadron enlisted members. He established the "we care" program, is active in Luke's Adopt-a-Family program and ensured all squadron members returned safely after each holiday period.

Barnes is a base youth sports program volunteer and soccer and basketball coach, teaching values and fundamentals of good sportsmanship, competition and teamwork.

Holding a bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics, Barnes is working toward a master's degree in quality assurance.

Company grade officer

The wing's outstanding company grade officer is Capt. Jennifer Hughes, 308th Fighter Squadron Sortie Support Flight commander. Leading the largest flight in **AETC**, Hughes commands

more than 200 technicians in three career fields and a \$106 million munitions stockpile. She led the flight to support more than 27,000 munitions movements and more than 33,000 wing sorties.

Hughes was a volunteer with Housing and Urban Development, helping to set up housing for low-income single parents, Mesa Lutheran Hospital and vice president of the Evangelical Episcopal Church board.

She is working toward a doctorate's degree in organized leadership.

GS-6 and below civilian

Ruth Taylor, 56th Comptroller Squadron budget assistant, is the GS-6 and below civilian award winner. She consistently provides outstanding administrative support for more than 50 people and is recognized as a superior cost center manager. Taylor's accomplishments include coordinating request for use of special morale and welfare funds in support of

GS-7 and above civilian

The GS-7 and above civilian of the year is Kathleen Sanders, 56th Medical Support Squadron library technician. Sanders ensures 24-hour access to library materials and installed an on line program for College Level Examination Program materials, encouraging squadron members to pursue educational goals. She consistently received "outstanding" ratings in the annual customer service survey.

Sanders is very active with local elementary schools, assisting with field trips to the Arizona Science Museum and wildlife zoo. She conducted hearing and eye exams on 1,300 local students and serves as transportation assistant for the Peoria basketball and volleyball leagues.

Federal wage schedule

Jet engine technician Andrew Angulo, 56th Component repair Squadron, is the federal wage schedule civilian of the year. He represented the jet engine intermediate maintenance section to all lateral base agencies, assisting in the production of more than 300 engines in the busiest AETC engine shop. Angulo helped ensure serviceability of more than 200 augmentor ducts during the wing's grounding of the entire aircraft fleet and directly supported operations in Iraq,

Bosnia and Kosovo.

He is a Peoria sports committee member, head coach for community youth baseball, football and basketball teams and provided underprivileged children transportation to practice sessions and weekend games.

Ceremonial guardsman

For outstanding professionalism, the ceremonial guardsman award winner is Senior Airman Bryan McCoy, 308th Fighter Squadron avionics systems technician. Successfully supporting a 500-percent increase in details in northwest Arizona, McCoy spearheaded efforts to establish a precision rifle team and devoted himself to ensuring more than 90 active-duty, retirees and veterans were given military funeral honors with flawless precision and solemn dignity.

He also established training schedules for the Luke Civil Air Patrol color guard.

Ceremonial flight mgr.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Kidd, 62nd Fighter Squadron jet engine craftsman, is the wing ceremonial flight manager award winner. Kidd's dynamic leadership and outstanding professionalism were overwhelming factors in the honor guard's successful operation. He trained team members to significantly execute more than 250 details in less than four month with unsurpassed excellence.

Airman

The airman of the year is Senior Airman Wilbur Barras, 56th Security Forces Squadron reports and analysis clerk. Barras superbly manages all traffic, accident and incident reports for the largest fighter wing in the Air Force, meticulously processing more than 200 reports each month.

He is credited with recovering all lost criminal history records from a corrupt system, re-entering years of data.

Barras analyzed and researched Luke and local criminal data and presented it to commanders as an immediate intervention tool to address problem areas.

Barras helped raise \$950 to support Luke Elementary School's library and was an Air Force Junior ROTC summer camp instructor, mentoring and counseling cadets.

He is pursuing a Community College of the Air Force and bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Around Base

Koats for kids

The 56th Logistics Support Squadron collects clean coats to donate to less fortunate people of all ages through March 1.

Drop-off locations include:

Credit Union West at the Luke or 67th Avenue and Beardsley branches

Glendale Chamber of Commerce, 7105 N. 59th Ave. Falcon Dunes Golf Course 56th Judge Advocate office, Bldg. 1150 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Bldg. 325 56th Medical Group, Bldg. 1130 425th Fighter Squadron, Bldg. 840

56th Component Repair Squadron, Bldg. 931 and Bldg. 968

56th Logistics Support Squadron, Bldg. 485 For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, call Chief Master Sgt. Mike Grant at 856-7485.

Black heritage comedy show

There is a black heritage comedy show today at 6:30 p.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For reservations, call Damita Klaiber at 856-7834.

Heart month aerobathon

There is a National Heart Month Aerobathon today from 3 to 7 p.m. at the fitness center. The event is free and registration begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Judy Peterson or Barb Ritchie at 856-3247.

House buying seminar

The housing flight has a house buying seminar Feb. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Bldg. 7328, Rm. 1046. For reservations, call Irene Bateman at 856-3008.

Happy Landings

The family support center has a Happy Landings spouse orientation March 1 at 9 a.m. Childcare is available and lunch is provided. For more information, call Vernadene Loveland at 856-6835.

Hike for homeless

Saint Joseph the Worker's has a 2-kilometer "Hike for the Homeless" March 11 at 9 a.m. at Dreamy Draw, Ariz. Registration is \$10 for individuals or \$7 per person for groups of five or more. To register or for more information, call (602) 257-4390.

Mystery dinner

The Luke officers wives club presents a "Who Dunnitt?" mystery dinner Feb. 25 at the officers club. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Cost is \$16 for club members and \$19 for nonmembers. For reservations or for more information, call 935-9417.

Big band dance, USO show

The Arizona Wing of the Confederate Air Force has a big band dance and World War II style United Services Organization show March 18 at 8 p.m. at Falcon Field Airport, 2017 N. Greenfield Road, Mesa. Advance tickets are \$20 per person or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 5 p.m., the show starts at 6:45 p.m. and dancing starts at 8 p.m. For reservations or more information, call (480) 924-1940 or (480) 981-1945.

Red Cross move

The Red Cross moved to Bldg. 1150 Room 1052.

Red Cross volunteers

The Red Cross needs volunteers to work at the tax office located on the first floor of the hospital through April. Days and hours are flexible. Many other positions are available. For more information or to volunteer, call 856-7823.

Volunteer orientation class

A Red Cross volunteer orientation class is Thursday at 10 a.m. at Bldg. 1150 in Room 1052. For more information or to register, call 856-7823.

CPR and first aid training

The Red Cross offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid training class March 4 at Bldg. 1150 in Room 1050. The class covers adult, child and infant CPR, plus basic first aid. Cost is \$22. For more information or to register, call 856-7823.

Arizona Renaissance Festival

The 56th Services Squadron offers free Arizona Renaissance Festival ticket drawings at services facilities and activities during Feburary and March. Reduced-price tickets are also available from Information Tickets and Tours. The festival is open Saturdays and Sundays through March 26. For more information, call 856-6000.

Black Heritage Banquet

A Black Heritage Banquet is Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club. The banquet features guest speaker Lionel Lyons, a motivational speaker and Phoenix Equal Employment Opportunity Committee director. Jazz band "Strange Imagination" also performs. For menu and cost, call Damita Klaiber at 856-7834or for more information, call 856-7136.

Surviving spouse briefing

The retiree activities office offers a surviving spouse and retiree dental program update briefing Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Luke theater. The briefing informs people about necessary planning that should be accomplished prior to the passing of a servicemember. In addition, a retiree dental program representative explains available benefits, dentists and ways to save money on dental visits. For more information, call the retiree activities office at 856-3923.

Luke School receipts collection

The Luke School is collecting Fry's receipts, Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills box tops for education. A collection box is at the Luke Library. For more information, call Luke School at 876-7300.

Commander's Access Channel

Air Force Television News, Jan. 24 edition

- Basic trainee death triggers investigation
- New basic training changes
- Airborne lazer closer to reality
 Monday— 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 Wednesday— 11:30 a.m.
 Thursday— 2 p.m.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Children 12 and under pay \$1; adults \$1.50. Mondays all admission and concession items are \$1.

Friday

"Bicentennial Man" (PG) Staring Robin Williams and Sam Neill. In the first decade of the millennium, a family buys a NDR-114 robot played by Williams. The robot is named Andrew by the youngest of the family's children.

The robot is a household appliance programmed to perform menial tasks, but begins to experience emotional and creative thought. The Martin family soon discovers they don't have an ordinary robot. (91 minutes)

Saturday

"The Green Mile" (R) Stars Tom Hanks and David Morse. A slightly cynical veteran death row prison guard in the 1920s has his faith and sanity, deteriorated by watching men live and die. He is about to have a complete turn around in attitude when a new group of prisoners arrive.

One is 8 feet tall with hands the size of waffle irons. He's been accused of murdering two children ... and he's afraid to sleep in a cell without a night light. All are in for a strange experience in the revelation about this giants innocence and true identity.

Monday

"Any Given Sunday" (R)
Staring Al Pacino and Dennis

Quaid. A drama about the interlocking fates and experiences of a diverse group of people involved with a powerful professional sports franchise. An aging star quarterback is forced to play hurt because he knows a gifted and unprincipled young talent seeks his spot on the team.

The coach struggles to remain true to the ideas that drew him to his career, the ambitious young owner of the team pressures him to view the players as properties in a high-stakes business. The destinies of these

four people and the others on the team reach a climax in the playoff season.

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"Galaxy Quest" (PG)
Starring Sigourney Weaver
and Tim Allen. For four
years, the courageous crew
of the NSEA Protector
donned their uniforms and
set out on thrilling and often
dangerous missions in space
— then their series was
cancelled.

Some 20 years later, the five stars of the classic 1970s series "Galaxy Quest" are still in costume, making appearances at sci-fi conventions for legions of die-hard fans — but some of those fans are a little more far out than the actors could have ever imagined.

A group of aliens who have mistakenly intercepted television transmissions for "historical documents" arrive at a convention and whisk "Commander Peter Quincy Taggart" and his crew into space to help them in their all-too-real war against a deadly adversary. With no script, no director and no clue about real space travel, the actors have to turn in the performances of their lives to become real-life heroes.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following is Luke's worship schedule:

Protestant worship

- Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- Liturgical service is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ◆ Contemporary service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- Shared faith service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.

Catholic worship

- ◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ◆ Weekday Mass is at noon at the Luke Community Chapel.

Sunday school

Protestant Sunday School meets at Luke Elementary School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 through adult. For more information, call Betty Moore at 856-6211 or Jackie White at (623) 772-5949.

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Protestant Youth of the Chapel

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel. The group is for concerned parents and youths ages 12 through 18. Meetings teach youths to make decisions that have a positive effect in their lives.

For more information on these and other chapel programs, call 856-6211.

AETC announces photo contest winners

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) - AETC recently announced the winners of its command level photo contest.

Individual winners were selected and the bases were also awarded points for each winning entry in the command-wide contest. Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, won first place with the highest number of winning entries, Luke placed second, followed closely by Little Rock Air Force Base Ark

For the third year in a row, the AETC photo contest was sponsored by Nikon and the Professional Photographers of America

Nikon provided funding to help with the prizes at both the base and command level, and the Professional Photographers of America helped judge the contest.

"Without these sponsors, we would have no judges, prizes or contest," said John Franklin, AETC commercial sponsorship manager.

The Air Force photography contest is a yearly event, and base-level contests were held in October and November, said Darlene Price, AETC Services.

Contestants entered photographs in four different groups: monochrome prints, color prints, color slides, and digital photos. Within those four groups, photographers submitted entry images in five categories of subject matter including military life; people; nature/scenic; and creative effects. The fifth category, computer imaging and enhancement, was the newest category added. This category is for digital photos that are retouched via a computer program.

First-and-second place winners of the AETC contest received a plaque and certificate. The winners compete at the Air Force-level competition. Winners at Air Force level go on to compete in the Department of Defense contest.

Luke winners are:

Group One Color Prints

People

First place: Melody Richardson with "Sweet Dream"

Creative effects

First place: Senior Airman Beth Krichbaum, 56th Communications Squadron, with "Dragonscape"

Computer imaging enhancement First place: Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns, 56th CS with "Guardians"

Group Two Color Prints People

First place: Lacey Richardson with "Summer Breeze"

Color Transparencies Military life

First place: Master Sgt. Kevin Hanley with, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, Detachment 1, with "On the Alert"

Digital photo Category People

First place: Staff Sgt. Andrew Jacobus, 56th CS, with "Home Plate ... Here I Come"



"Summer Breeze" by Lacey Richardson is the AETC 1999 photo contest first-place winner in the group two using people as subject matter.

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Flag football champions

56th Medical Group edges Wizards 6-0 in defensive battle

By Senior Airman Jeremy Clayton Tredway 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Defensive tackle Joe Ramos sacked 56th Operations Support Squadron quarterback John Pennell as time ran out and the 56th Medical Group held on to defeat the Wizards 6-0 in the flag football championship game Feb. 10 at the base fitness center.

The win completed the medical team's perfect 20-0 season and earned them their second flag football championship in as many years.

The championship game was highlighted by two "hard-nosed" defenses that refused to give any

The MDG and OSS defenses only allowed a combined six first downs in the game, while sacking the quarterback three times, intercepting two passes and knocking down six passes.

"In the playoffs, we changed our defense to put more pressure on the quarterback," said OSS linebacker Robert Morton. "We blitzed, stunted and tried to put as much pressure on him as we could.

The only score of the game came at the end of the first half. After receiving a Wizards punt, Scott Fuller launched a 45-yard pass to a leaping Todd Oiser. Oiser was flipped upside down by a Wizards defender, but held on to the ball. Two plays later, MDG quarterback William Zoph connected with wide receiver

Gregory Enders for a touchdown.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game, the Wizards forced MDG to turn the ball over on downs at midfield. The Wizards marched the ball down inside the 10yard line with two seconds remaining on the clock. Ramos sacked Pennell on the ensuing play, securing the MDG win.

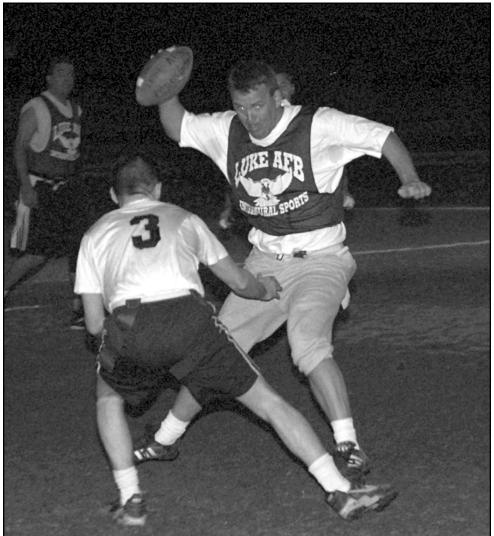
Enders said the team didn't play well overall in the championship game, but the defense stepped up to secure the MDG win.

"Our team is made up of mostly older guys," he said. With Zoph and Oiser heading up offense and (Stephen) Ripple taking care of the defense, we just seem to play smarter than most

"We didn't play particulary well in the championship game because we had substitutions in for Cooper and Oiser on offense and Zoph wasn't used to working with them," he said.

Morton said both teams played good old-fashioned, hard-nose football during the championship.

"If you look at the team we had last year and the team we have this year, there are only six people remaining. I think this team matured throughout the season, and that's what got us to the champion-ship game," Morton said. "Each person had a role to play and it seemed that when we needed a big play, someone seemed to step up and make the play."



56th Medical Group quarterback William Zoph dances around a defender.

B-ball best

CRS defeats MDG 53-49, captures over-30 title

By Senior Airman Jeremy Clayton Tredway 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Component Repair Squadron over-30

basketball team conquered the 56th Medical Group 53-49 and captured the base championship Feb. 11 at the base fitness center.

After upsetting the 56th Mission Support Squadron in the second round, CRS stormed through the rest of the playoffs.

"A big obstacle was defeating MSS, which had been a nemesis to us for the past few seasons," said Chuck Snyder, "beating them the way we did, let us know that we could compete with any team in the playoffs and be successful. We knew that if we took advantage of key points in the games that we would come out victorious."

After exchanging leads through the first half, CRS and MDG went into halftime tied at 24.

Early in the second half, CRS went on a 10-2 run to blow the game open, building a seven-point lead.

"All of our games were close at half-time, so to start the second half we wanted to aggressively go after our opponents both offensively and defensively," said Snyder. "This proved to be the deciding factor in all of our games."

MDG came back and took a one-point lead after Will Jeffers hit two consecutive three pointers, but Snyder answered the call with two three pointers of his own.

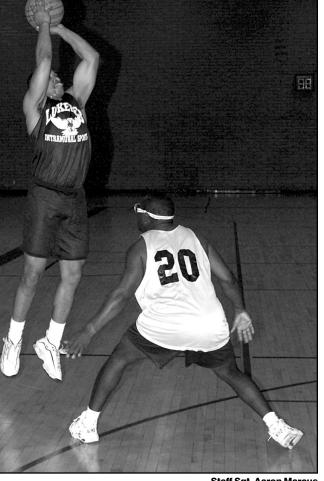
MDG battled back to within two points with less then 30 seconds left, but Snyder hit a jumper with time running out and CRS held on for the win.

Snyder attributes the team's success in the playoffs to having the whole team available.

"We finally had our whole team there and everyone knew their roles and played within the team concept," he said. "Our team has so many weapons that no team can concentrate on just one person."

Snyder, who scored 22 points — 17 in the second half, said he took this season very serious since it was his last before moving to a different base.

"I wanted to do everything I could to help us win



Staff Sqt. Aaron Marcus

56th Component Repair Squadron player Chuck Snyder shoots a three pointer.

the championship, put CRS in the over-30 record books and end my Luke legacy," he said.

Derrick Porter led all scorers with 24 points for

Ronald Stiles led MDG with 19 points and Gregory Enders added eight.

Sports Briefs

Aerobathon 2000

An aerobathon is today from 3 to 7 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, call 856-3247.

Blue Streak Squadron Challenge

The Blue Streak Squadron Challenge mountain bike competition is Saturday and Sunday at the White Tanks County Park. Cost is \$25 per person or \$50 per squadron team. For more information, call 856-6267.

Varsity baseball

Men interested in playing varsity baseball may call Staff Sgt. Jeff Dahlke at 856-7092.

Luke Golf Shootout

The 19th Annual Luke Shootout Golf Tournament is Feb. 25 at 7:30 a.m. at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course. Cost is \$50 for Luke people and \$80 for others and includes greens fees, a cart and lunch. Participants must sign up by today. For more information or to sign up, call Don Rinehart or Harry Shapiro at 937-4754.

Sports officials

People interested in officiating baseball, softball or basketball may call Rich Harrison at 536-9140. Training is provided.

Youth golf camp

Parents of 8 to 14 year olds may register their children at the youth center for a free golf camp. The camp is March 20 to 24. For more information, call 865-7470 or 856-6225.

ROTC golf tournament

The 2nd Annual ROTC Golf Tournament is April 3 at 7:30 a.m. at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person

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Football Frenzy

Air Force sends five club members, guests to Pro Bowl

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kinkade

HONOLULU — For five Air Force club members, the end of the 1999 National Football League season was more about beaches and souvenir hunting than the traditional gathering of all-stars at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii.

The five, along with their guests, were winners in the Football Frenzy contest at their respective clubs. During the season, Air Force clubs awarded a series of trips to various NFL events, including a regular-season game in San Francisco, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl, played Feb. 6 in Aloha Stadium.

The winners of the Pro Bowl trip and their guests were: Staff Sgt. Kevin Joyner and wife Asli, Izmir Air Base, Turkey; Staff Sgt. Carissa Twillie and friend Staff Sgt. Brian Denman, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Senior Airman Jeremy Sedlak and wife Renee, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; Tech Sgt. Stephen Terrio and friend Staff Sgt. John Pecirep, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.; and Alicia Liburdi and husband Lt. Col. Samuel Liburdi, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

In addition to airfare, accommodations and game tickets, the five winners and their guests were also treated to an exclusive reception at the Hale Koa military hotel on Waikiki beach and rental cars during their five-day stay in Hawaii. Air Force clubs also gave the winners backpacks filled with T-shirts, portable coolers and a small camera.

They were also guests of Miller Brewing, one of the Football Frenzy sponsors, at the NFL's Pro Bowl Tailgate party where they received free gifts and had the opportunity to see the 1999 Pro Football Hall of Fame selectees.

"This is an amazing thing," Joyner said, after flying for nearly two days to reach Hawaii from Turkey. "You fill out those entry forms thinking you won't really win, then it happens. I really have to take my hat off to Air Force clubs for this."

The winners and their guests made use of their time on Oahu to shop the island's countless souvenir stores, party in local clubs and bask on the beaches teaming with tourists in town for the Pro Bowl. Some watched the filming of the NFL Legends touch football game on Waikiki beach, while others took time to see military sites like the Arizona Memorial and the U.S.S. Missouri.

For the Sedlaks, it was a trip home. Renee Sedlak was born in Hawaii and used the trip to catch up with relatives and old friends.

"Everywhere we went, she saw someone she knew," said Jeremy Sedlak. "It's been a reunion for us."

This is the fifth year Air Force clubs has conducted the Football Frenzy contest, and the third year people have won trips to the Pro Bowl. Al Sonnenburg, marketing specialist for Air Force Services Agency, said the trips not only show how Air Force club membership really pays, but are also a way of rewarding Air Force people for the jobs they do.

"They work in often difficult environments, away from their families and under a lot of stress," he said. "We want to thank them for all they do."

Sonnenburg said the trips would not be possible without the support of corporate sponsors. The 1999 Football Frenzy sponsors were: SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines and Best Western.

Winners were also selected to attend the Atlanta Falcons vs. San Francisco 49ers game in San Francisco, as well as the Super Bowl in Atlanta. Additionally, base clubs around the Air Force gave out more than 15,000 gifts ranging from footballs to embroidered sports shirts.

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scramble. Cost is \$65 per person. Register by March 27. For more information, call retired Brig. Gen. Bob Brainard at 977-1354 or retired Col. Fred Middleton at (480) 991-0528.

X-treme Bowling

The Luke Bowling center kicks off X-treme bowling March 3 at 10:30 p.m. at the bowling center. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$9 for officer and enlisted club members and \$11 for nonmembers. General admission for nonbowlers is \$5 per person.

Alpine ski adventure

Fort Tuthill offers an Alpine ski adventure March 3 through 5 to the Purgatory Resort, Colo. Cost is \$290 per person and includes transportation from Fort Tuthill, lodging, lift tickets and ski rental. Ski lessons are available. For more information, call 856-3401 or (800) 552-6268.

Varsity women's softball

Women interested in playing varsity softball may call Staff Sgt. Shelicia Greer at 856-3308.

Varsity men's softball

Men interested in playing varsity softball may call Staff Sgt. Dave Pacquin at 856-3941.

Varsity hockey

People wanting to play on the Luke Varsity Ice Hockey Team may call Senior Airman Erik Saracino at work at 856-5970 or home at 544-1637.

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